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THE DARK MULTIVERSE. NOW.
I SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT FROM THE BEGINNING, CLARK.
I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THROUGH THE BRIGHT COLORS, THOSE FRIENDLY EYES, AND THAT BOY SCOUT GRIN.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT YOU WERE DOING TO ME. WHAT YOU WERE DOING TO ALL OF US.
YOU TOLD US TO LOVE EACH OTHER. TO TEAR DOWN THE WALLS THAT KEPT US FROM TRUSTING EACH OTHER.
WE WANTED TO BELIEVE YOU. WE WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING TO BELIEVE THAT THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD WAS THERE TO SAVE US.
THAT WE COULD LET GO OF OUR FEARS AND HOPE AGAIN.
BATMAN
THE DEVASTATOR
IN Symphony of DESTRUCTION
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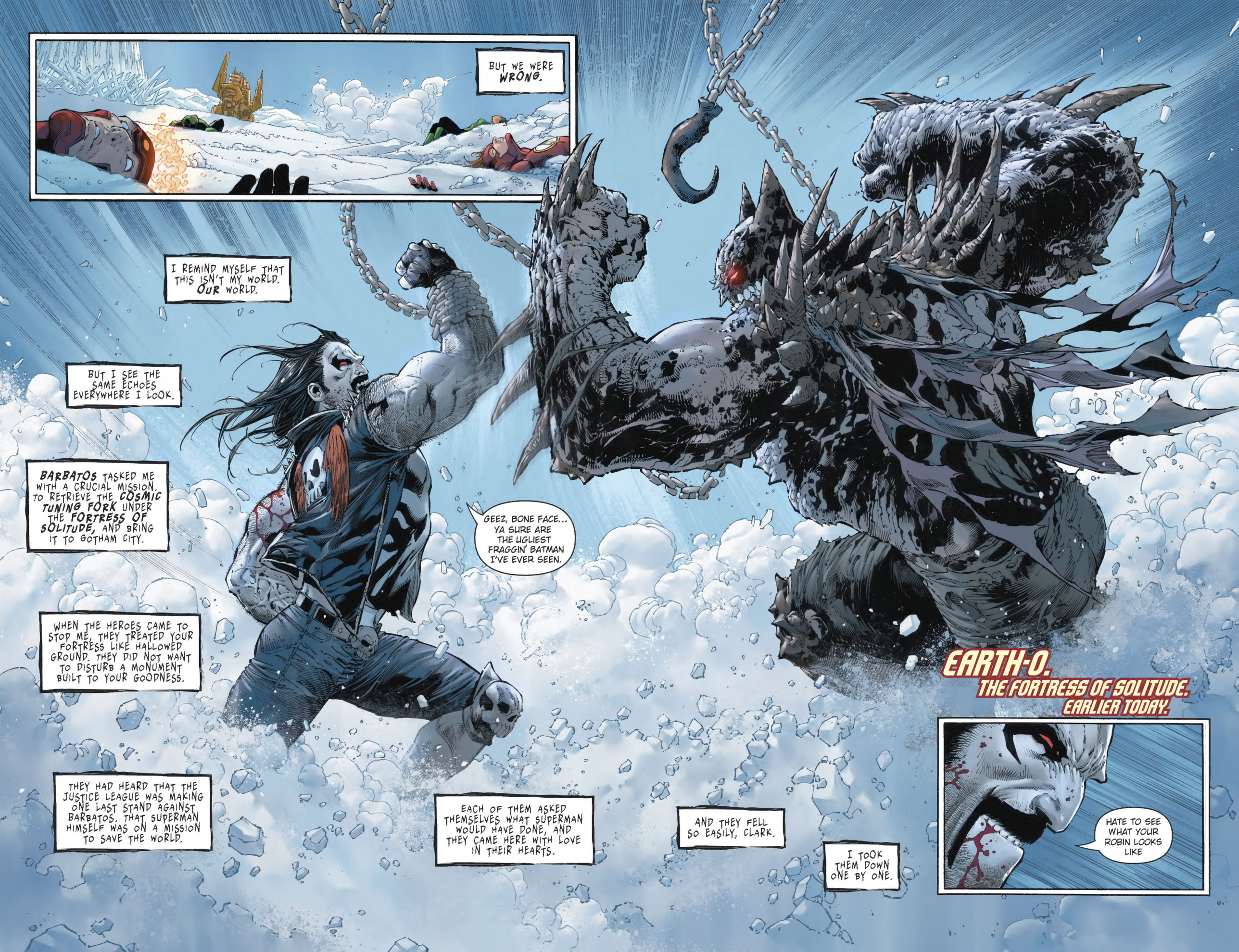
SUPERGIRL BASED ON CHARACTERS CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER.
SUPERBOY CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL.
BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.


BUT WE WERE WRONG.
I REMIND MYSELF THAT THIS ISN'T MY WORLD. OUR WORLD.
BUT I SEE THE SAME ECHOES EVERYWHERE I LOOK.
BARBATOS TASKED ME WITH A CRUCIAL MISSION. TO RETRIEVE THE COSMIC TUNING FORK UNDER THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, AND BRING IT TO GOTHAM CITY.
GEEZ, BONE FACE... YA SURE ARE THE UGLIEST FRAGGIN' BATMAN I'VE EVER SEEN.
WHEN THE HEROES CAME TO STOP ME, THEY TREATED YOUR FORTRESS LIKE HALLOWED GROUND. THEY DID NOT WANT TO DISTURB A MONUMENT BUILT TO YOUR GOODNESS.
THEY HAD HEARD THAT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WAS MAKING ONE LAST STAND AGAINST BARBATOS. THAT SUPERMAN HIMSELF WAS ON A MISSION TO SAVE THE WORLD.
EACH OF THEM ASKED THEMSELVES WHAT SUPERMAN WOULD HAVE DONE, AND THEY CAME HERE WITH LOVE IN THEIR HEARTS.
AND THEY FELL SO EASILY, CLARK.
I TOOK THEM DOWN ONE BY ONE.
EARTH-0.
THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.
EARLIER TODAY.
HATE TO SEE WHAT YOUR ROBIN LOOKS LIKE

YOU DON'T IMPRESS ME, LOBO.
CHUK!

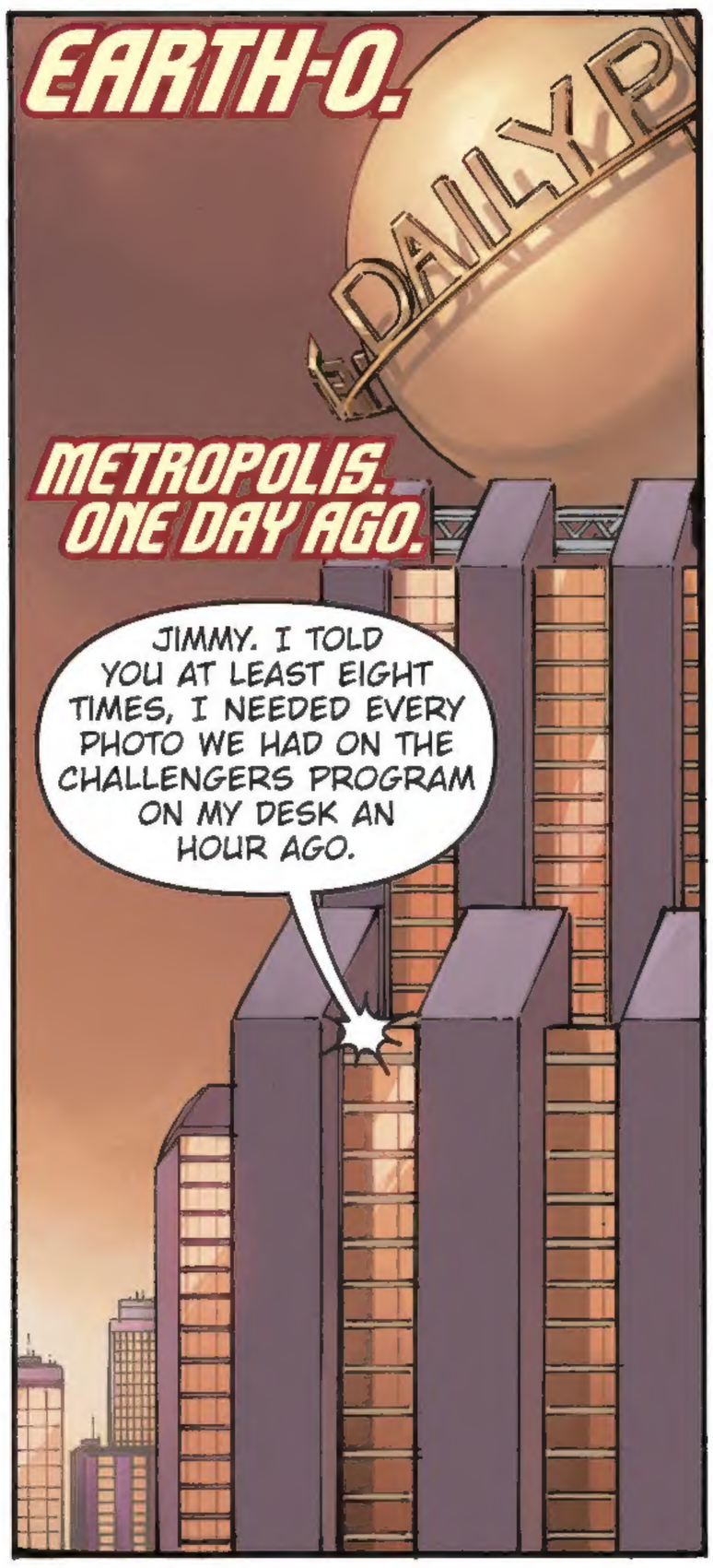
YOU DEPRESS ME.
ON MY WORLD YOU WERE ONE OF THE MOST FIERCELY INDEPENDENT AND DANGEROUS BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE.
AND HERE, YOU STAND WITH COMPASSIONATE FOOLS.
AW, HELL...

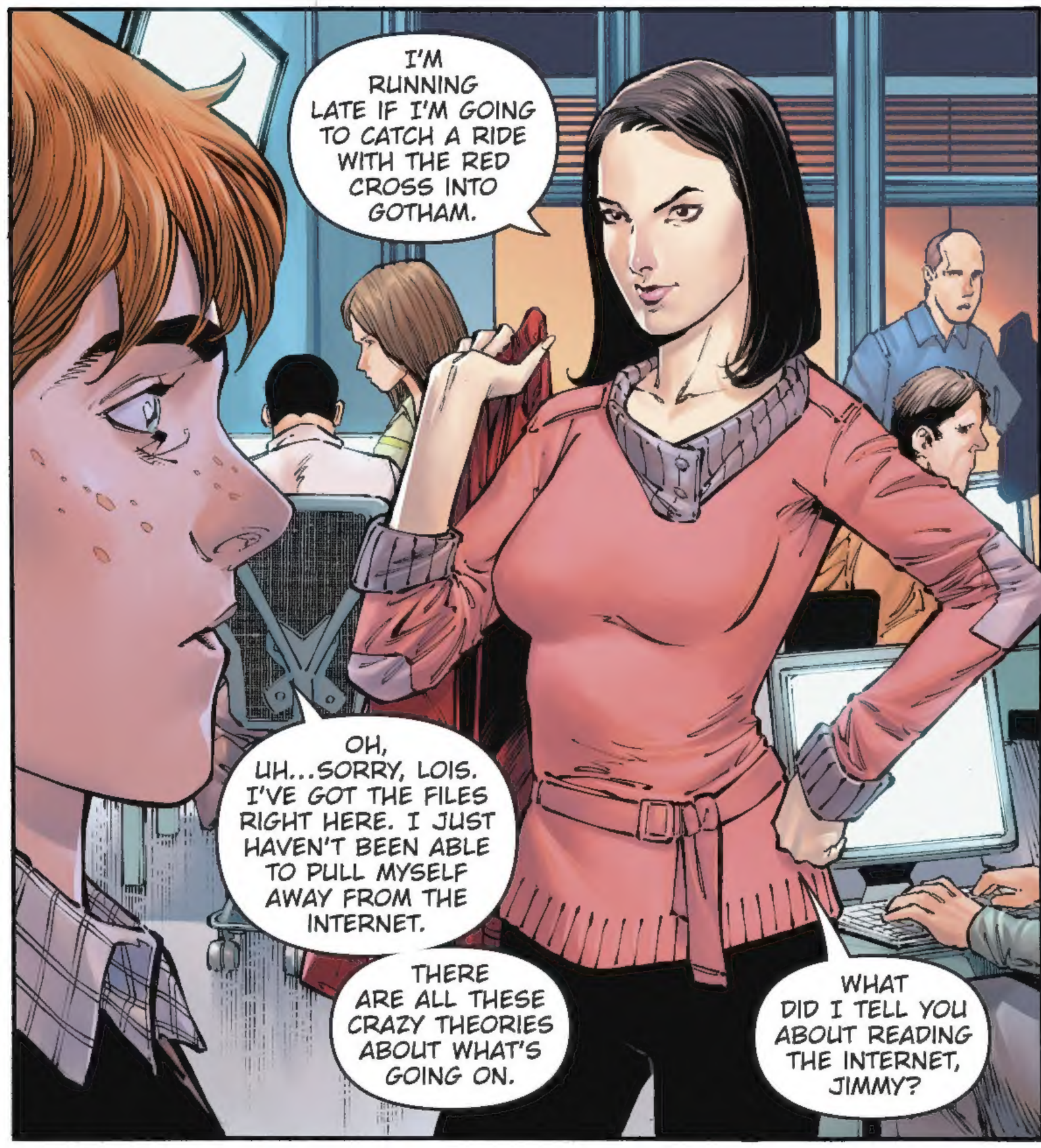
THE ROT GOES DEEP IN THIS SICK, SAD WORLD, DOESN'T IT?

I AM HERE TO BURN IT OUT OF YOU.

HOPE IS LIKE A VIRUS, CLARK. IT FORCES PEOPLE TO LET THEIR GUARDS DOWN.
IT BLINDS THEM TO THE DARKNESS OF THE WORLD AROUND THEM, THE DANGER LURKING BEHIND EVERY CORNER.

UNTIL THEY CAN'T FIGHT BACK ANYMORE.
FRAG IT ALL.


EARTH-0.
DAILY P
METROPOLIS. ONE DAY AGO.
JIMMY. I TOLD YOU AT LEAST EIGHT TIMES, I NEEDED EVERY PHOTO WE HAD ON THE CHALLENGERS PROGRAM ON MY DESK AN HOUR AGO.


I'M RUNNING LATE IF I'M GOING TO CATCH A RIDE WITH THE RED CROSS INTO GOTHAM.
OH, UH...SORRY, LOIS. I'VE GOT THE FILES RIGHT HERE. I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PULL MYSELF AWAY FROM THE INTERNET.
THERE ARE ALL THESE CRAZY THEORIES ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON.
WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT READING THE INTERNET, JIMMY?


THEY'RE SAYING THAT WASHINGTON, D.C., JUST WENT DARK...THAT'S SIX CITIES IN AS MANY DAYS. AND NOBODY'S SEEN SUPERMAN SINCE IT ALL STARTED...
AREN'T YOU SCARED?


NO. MAYBE I SHOULD BE, BUT I'M NOT.
OF COURSE I SEE THAT THINGS ARE BAD RIGHT NOW, BUT I BELIEVE WITH EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING THAT THE GOOD GUYS ARE GOING TO WIN.


AND IF SUPERMAN'S MISSING, THEN IT'S UP TO THE REST OF US TO BE STRONG AND SHOW THE BAD GUYS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE OUR HOPE.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT HE'D SAY IF HE WERE STANDING HERE RIGHT NOW?
Y-YEAH. YOU'RE RIGHT. OKAY. CLOSING MY BROWSER NOW.

LOIS.
I'M SORRY, I'M RUNNING--
WAIT--
BRUCE?!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE? THE WORLD'S FALLING APART, YOU SHOULD BE--
I'M SORRY, LOIS. I NEEDED TO COME HERE.
I NEEDED TO TALK TO YOU.
JUST... OKAY, I'VE BEEN PUTTING ON A BRAVE FACE IN THE OFFICE AND AT HOME, WITH JON, BUT I NEED TO KNOW...
IS CLARK OKAY?
NO, LOIS. CLARK ISN'T OKAY.
CLARK IS THE PROBLEM.
KRAK
BRUCE... BRUCE, LET GO OF ME...
KRAK
YOUR HAND...

KRAK
WHAT DID YOU DO TO YOURSELF...?
I MADE IT SO HE COULD NEVER HURT ME AGAIN.
NO...
I NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO ME, LOIS. I WANTED TO DO WHAT I NEVER COULD ON MY WORLD.
I WANTED TO SAVE YOU FROM HIM.

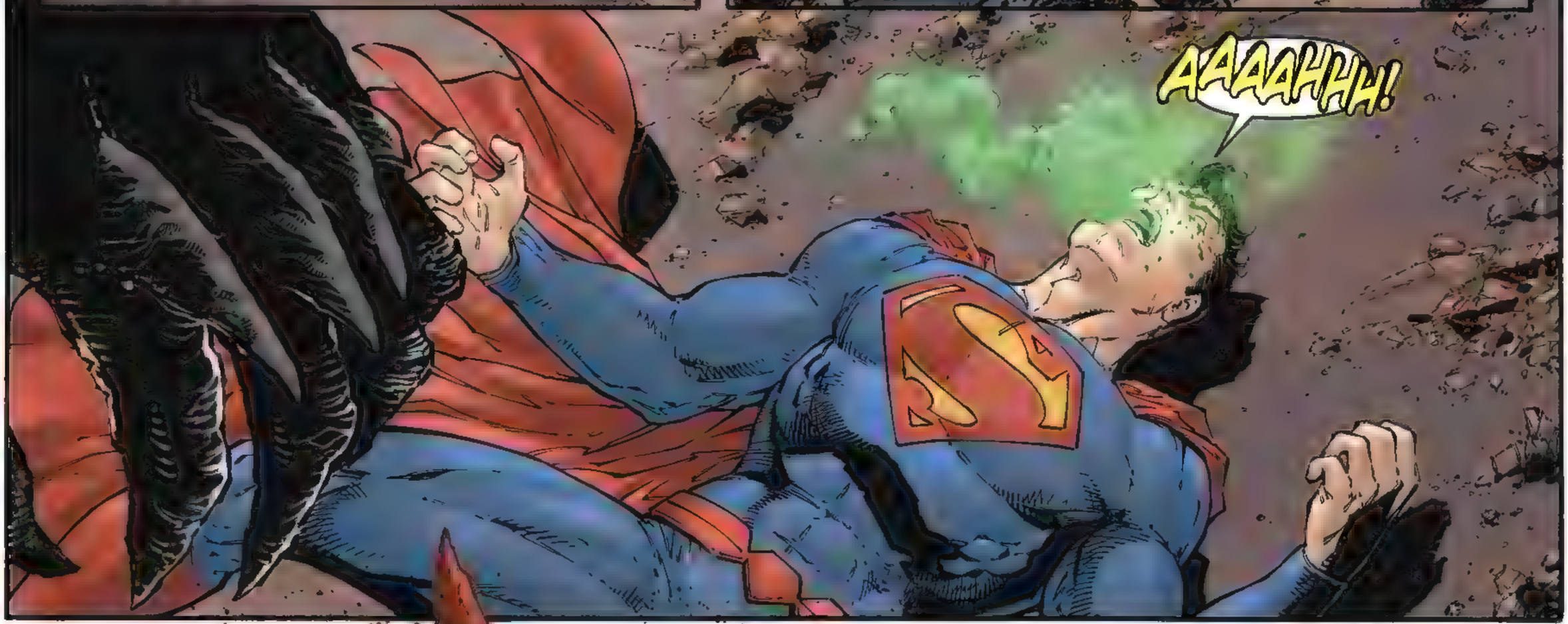
EARTH -1
METROPOLIS.
MANY YEARS AGO.
WE NEVER LEARNED HOW IT HAPPENED. I THINK THAT'S WHAT WAS SO FRIGHTENING AT THE BEGINNING.
WAS IT A SOLAR STORM THAT ALTERED HIS MIND? WAS IT DARKSEID, OR MR. MIND, OR A NEW KIND OF KRYPTONITE LUTHOR HAD DEVELOPED?
WE SPENT WEEKS TRYING TO FIND THE ANSWER, BECAUSE WE KNEW IN OUR HEARTS THAT IT COULDN'T BE HIM.
HE WAS OUR GREAT HOPE. HE WAS THE BEST OF US. HE WOULD NEVER TEAR DOWN BUILDINGS WITH HIS BARE HANDS FOR THE SPORT OF IT.
WE KNEW THAT IF WE COULD BREAK THROUGH TO THE MAN WE KNEW AND LOVED WE COULD STOP THIS. HE COULD BE SAVED.
IT WASN'T UNTIL HE KILLED HIS WIFE, OUR WORLD'S LOIS LANE, THAT I FINALLY BROKE.
THAT WAS THE MOMENT I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THE WHYS AND HOWS DIDN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

IT HURT, CLARK.
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND HOW DEEPLY IT HURT.
MAKING THE DECISION TO SET IT ALL IN MOTION.
IT'S OVER.
HH.

I NEVER UNDERSTOOD, BRUCE.
THE OTHER LEAGUERS IN THEIR QUIET CONVERSATIONS. THEY ALWAYS SAID THAT YOU COULD BEAT ME, HEAD TO HEAD. IF WE REALLY FOUGHT. IF NEITHER OF US HELD BACK.
WITH ONLY A LOOK, I COULD SPLIT YOU IN HALF. WITH ONLY A BREATH, I COULD FREEZE YOUR HEART. WITH THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH, I COULD BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY.
AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE, BRUCE? A SPEAR?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW WEAK YOU ALL ARE TO ME?
KOFF
YES, DAMMIT. I DO.
ZZRAPP
I REALLY... LOVED YOU, CLARK.
I BELIEVED IN THE WORLD YOU PROMISED US.
YOU MADE ME HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.
BUT NOW, I KNOW THAT IT WAS ALL A LIE.
BEEP
AND I WON'T LET YOU HURT ME ANYMORE.
KRAK

I HAD BEEN SO AFRAID OF THAT MOMENT.
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
I KNEW THE STRAIN OF THE DOOMSDAY VIRUS I HAD ENGINEERED WOULD MAKE ME POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOU ONE ON ONE.
BUT I THOUGHT, EVEN AFTER SEEING ALL THE TERROR YOU HAD UNLEASHED UPON THE WORLD, THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT.
THAT THERE WOULD STILL BE A PART OF ME SCREAMING OUT TO LET MY BEST FRIEND LIVE.
INSTEAD, MY FEELINGS DULLED. AS THE BONY ARMOR GREW OVER MY BODY, I FELT IT INSIDE, HARDENING MY HEART AS WELL...
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, I FELT FREE OF THE LOVE YOU HAD INFLICTED ON ME.
AND IT FELT #$!% GREAT.

NOW WHO'S WEAK?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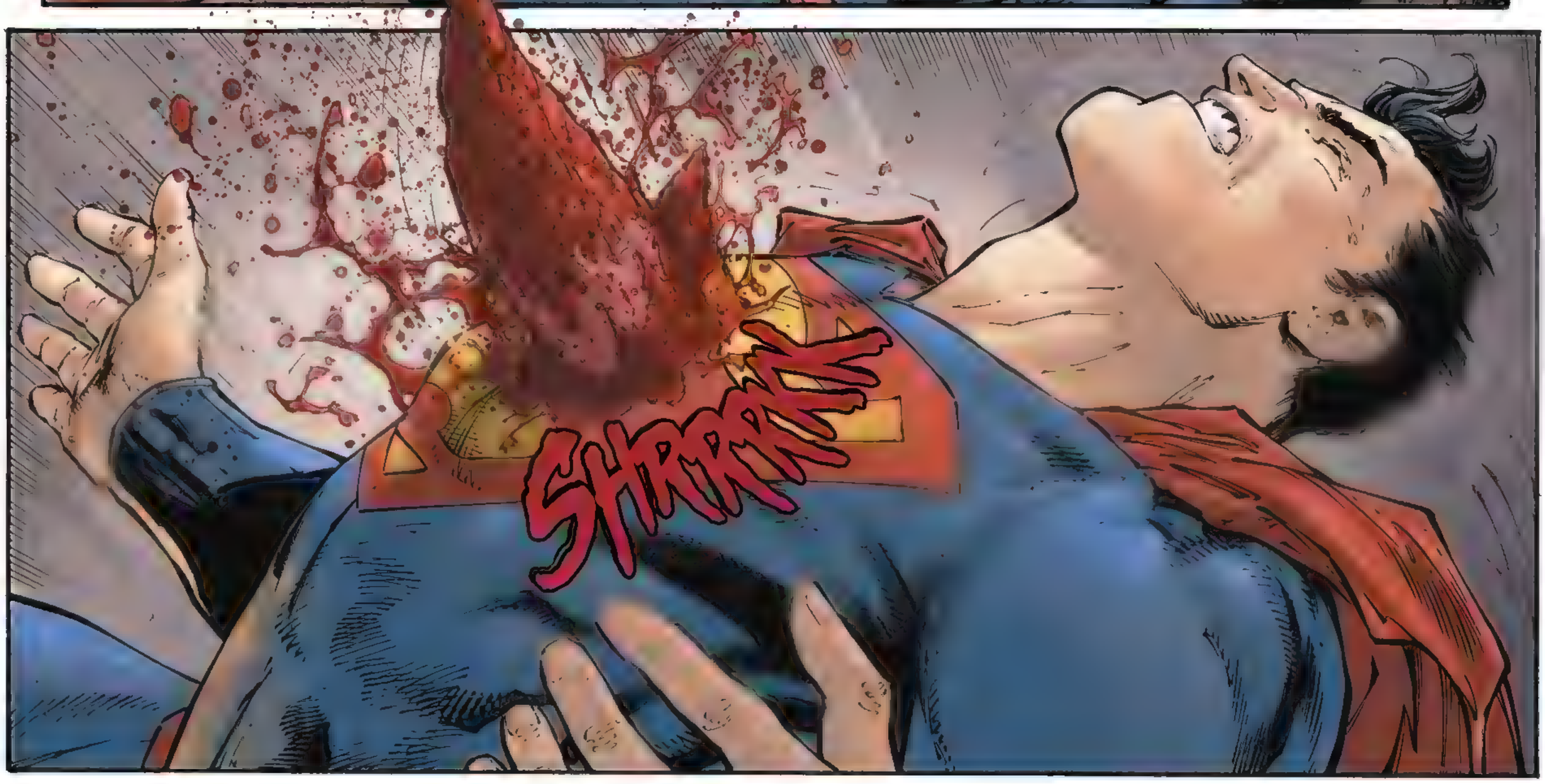
SHRRRK!

I THOUGHT I WOULD FEEL SORROW WHEN HE WAS GONE, BUT INSTEAD I ONLY FELT THE ANGER, GROWING IN ME.

THAT I HAD HELD BACK SO LONG.

I COULD HAVE SAVED ***EVERYONE*** FROM THE WEAKNESS HE HAD INFLICTED ON US. MY DOOMSDAY VIRUS WOULD HAVE SPREAD, BODY TO BODY, INNOCULATING THE WORLD AGAINST SUPERMAN.

BUT I HAD USED IT ***TOO LATE.***

OR SO I THOUGHT.

THERE'S SOMETHING SO SATISFYING IN HEARING THAT PARTICULAR DEATH RATTLE, ISN'T THERE?

I THINK WE ALL KNOW A FEW WAYS TO BRING THE BLUE BOY SCOUT DOWN, BUT WE NEVER REALLY THINK WE'LL HAVE TO USE THEM UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.

EARTH-0.
METROPOLIS.
ONE DAY AGO.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM?

THEY'RE GETTING STRONGER.

THEIR HEARTS ARE CLOSING OFF TO THE WORLD, AND THEIR BODIES ARE SHARPENING INTO DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

IN A FEW MINUTES, EACH OF THEM WILL BE CAPABLE OF KILLING SUPERMAN. THE ENTIRE CITY.

I COULDN'T SAVE THEM IN MY WORLD, BUT I CAN SAVE THEM HERE.

KRAK KRAK KRAK KRAK KRAK

I WON'T LET YOU DO THIS!

DON'T YOU SEE, LOIS? YOU ARE THE CARRIER INFECTING THE CITY.

THE ONLY REASON YOU HAVEN'T TRANSFORMED ALREADY IS ALL THE TIME YOU'VE SPENT SOAKING IN SUPERMAN'S EXCESS SOLAR RADIATION.

WHEN THE CHANGE COMES, YOU'LL FINALLY SEE HOW MUCH STRONGER YOU ARE WITHOUT HIM.

I DON'T THINK SO.

WHAT IS HE?
I CAN SEE HE'S NOT THE REAL DOOMSDAY, GUARDIAN. JUST SOME HYBRID.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PLAN IS HERE, BUT YOU'RE IN SUPERMAN TERRITORY.
THIS SYMBOL MEANS YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT SYMBOL REALLY MEANS, SUPERWOMAN. LET ME SHOW YOU.
PLEASE, DO.
SUPERGIRL...

HEY! TAXI, PLEASE!
I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. I NEED TO GET HOME.

OH, OH GOD...I'M SORRY.

I'M SO SORRY.

TAXI

CENTENNIAL PARK WEST.
THE KENT FAMILY APARTMENT.
WHAT'S THE DAMN ACCESS WORD... THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS THE DAMN MONKEY.
BEPPO.
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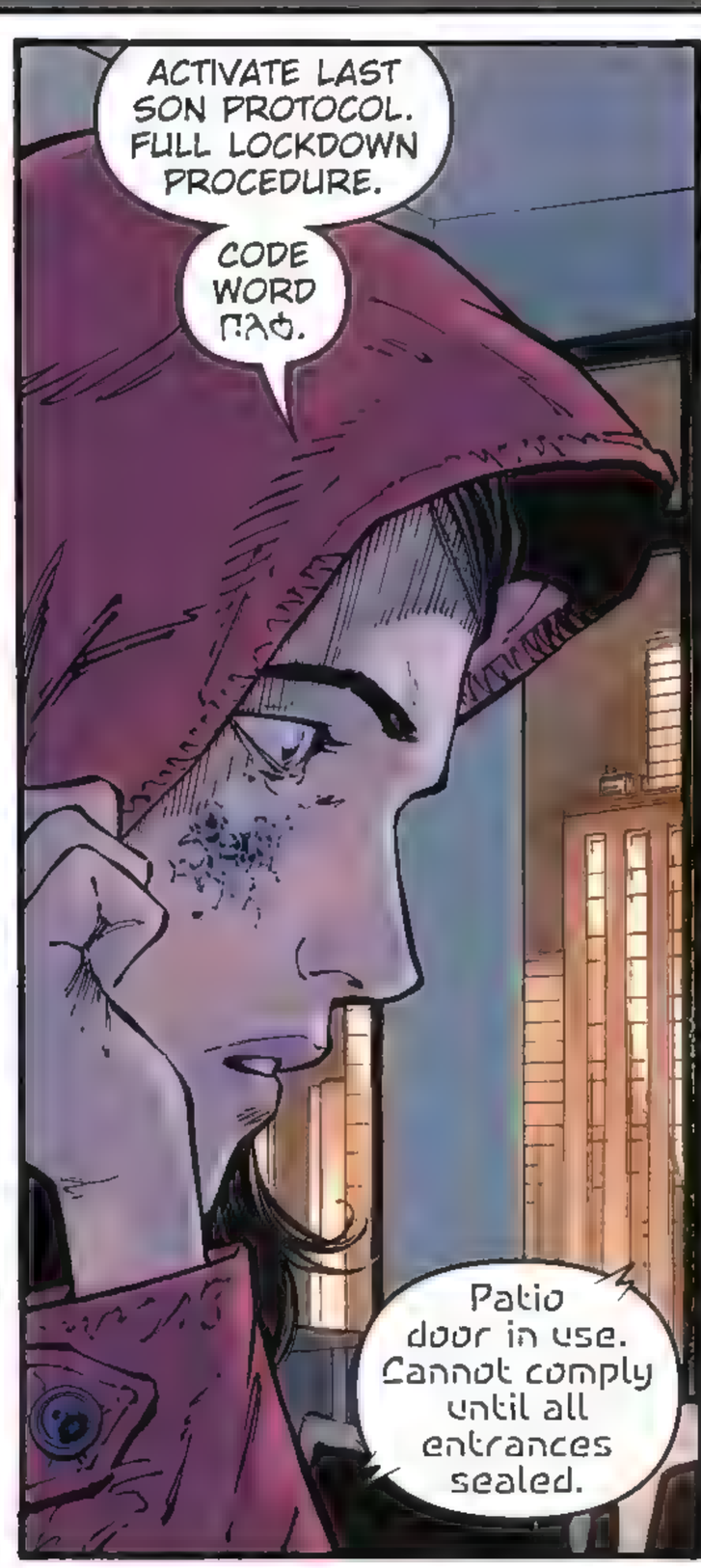
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CODE WORD ΓΛΘ.
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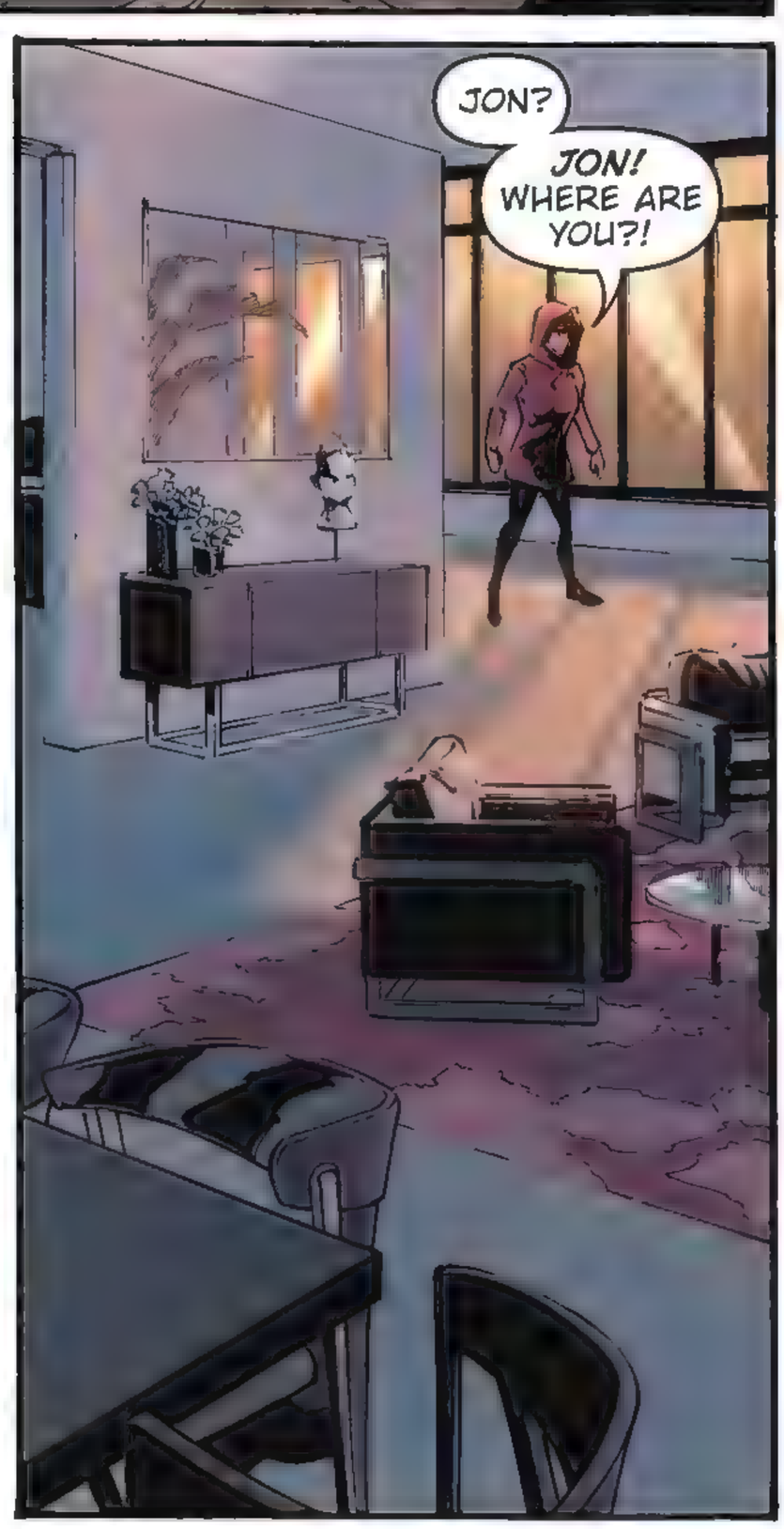
JON?
JON! WHERE ARE YOU?!

THAT MONSTER BATMAN DOOMSDAY THING IS HURTING KARA, MOM.
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH HER. IT'S CHANGING HER BODY INTO ONE OF THEM...
I...I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO BEAT HIM. I NEED TO HELP.
LIKE HELL YOU DO.
M-MOM? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU LOOK...
JON, I NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO ME VERY CLOSELY.
YOUR FATHER AND I, WE BUILT A SAFE ROOM INTO THIS APARTMENT, IN CASE...IN CASE THE WORST HAPPENED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE WALLS ARE GOING TO SEAL OFF, AND THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT COULD BREAK THEM OPEN. NOT EVEN YOUR FATHER.
YOU'LL HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO SURVIVE IN THERE.
IT'LL BE LONELY, BUT...
YOU'RE REALLY FREAKING ME OUT...
SHUNNNK
I KNOW, JON. I KNOW.
WAIT... WHY ARE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE? MOM...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M SORRY... I'M SO SORRY, JON...I'LL STAY AS LONG AS I CAN.
BUT...DAD'S GOING TO WIN, RIGHT? DAD AND THE WHOLE JUSTICE LEAGUE...
...THEY'RE GOING TO FIGHT BACK, AND BEAT THE BAD GUYS.
I'M NOT GOING TO BE IN THIS ROOM FOR LONG. THAT'S CRAZY. THE GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN.
THAT'S WHAT DAD SAID. HE SAID THAT THERE'S GOOD IN EVERYONE. HE SAYS THAT WE CAN NEVER LOSE HOPE.
YOU STILL BELIEVE THAT, DON'T YOU?
MOM?

MOM?!
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SAVED THEM, CLARK.
LOIS, JIMMY, ALL OF THEM. YOUR WHOLE DAMNED CITY.
I FINALLY GAVE THEM THE STRENGTH THEY NEEDED TO SEE THROUGH THAT EASY SMILE, AND THAT DAMNED COLORFUL SHIELD.
I HARDENED THEIR HEARTS SO THAT THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE IN THE CRUEL FAIRY TALE WORLD YOU TOLD THEM WAS THE TRUTH.
AND NOW, AT THE END, WHEN THEY LOOK UP IN THE SKY, AND THEY SEE THEIR WORLD FALL INTO DARKNESS, THEY WILL FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU REALLY ARE.

AND, FINALLY, YOU WILL, TOO.

UP, UP AND AWAY.

THESE PEOPLE, THEIR BELIEF IS POWERFUL. MORE POWERFUL THAN I EVER UNDERSTOOD BEFORE BARBATOS LAID IT ALL BARE.

YOUR WORLD IS THE CENTER OF CREATION, THE HEART OF THE MULTIVERSE, AND YOUR FEARS CREATED THE CURSED, BROKEN WORLDS WE CAME FROM...

GOTHAM CITY. EARLIER TODAY.

BUT ULTIMATELY, THAT'S NOT WHAT WILL DOOM YOUR WORLD.

THEY BELIEVE IN *YOU* SO DAMN MUCH THAT YOUR FAILURE AT MY MASTER'S HAND IS A POWER IN AND OF ITSELF.

A COSMIC POWER STRONG ENOUGH TO RESHAPE THE VERY FOUNDATION OF REALITY.

AND WITH THE TUNING FORK, WE HAVE THE TOOL NEEDED TO *HARNESS* THAT INCREDIBLE POWER.

LOOK... UP IN THE SKY...

OH...OH GOD...

THE DARK MULTIVERSE. NOW.

AT THE END, I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THE *TRUTH*, CLARK.

I HOPE THAT SOMEHOW YOU CAN *HEAR* MY VOICE FROM YOUR PRISON IN THE HEART OF THE DARK MULTIVERSE.

I HOPE YOU CAN FEEL MY *HATE*.

BECAUSE *YOU* DID THIS. LIKE YOU DID ON MY WORLD. LIKE YOU DO ON *EVERY* WORLD.

YOU *MADE* THEM BELIEVE.

YOU FOOLED THEM INTO THINKING THAT YOU WOULD *ALWAYS* BE THERE FOR THEM, TO SAVE THEM, TO LIFT THEM UP, TO MAKE THEM BETTER.

AND THAT BELIEF IS *EXACTLY* WHAT WILL DRAG YOUR ENTIRE WORLD TO *DEVASTATION*.

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**Who is Cyborg?**
Cyborg is advanced technology. If previous incarnations have emphasized modern tech, he'd be advanced tech. So I think he represents the way of the future, and it's something that we can look forward to.

**What's his backstory?**
Cyborg, a.k.a. Victor Stone, is a college athlete when a tragic accident befalls him, by no fault of his own. His father uses advanced cybernetics to replace his lost limbs and essentially save his son's life. The technology imbues him with super-strength and super-durability and allows him to interface with anything technological. He has worlds of information at his disposal, which is a really interesting concept to explore.

**As an actor and as someone who grew up with Batman and all the Super Heroes, what does it feel like to be part of this world?**
Honestly, I still can't believe it. It kind of feels like the wheel has sort of come full circle. Here I am growing up with Batman, watching *Batman Returns* every Christmas, you know? I used to tie a towel around my neck, jumping off my porch pretending like I was Superman and that sort of thing. Now here we are. I couldn't have dreamed for this to unfold the way it did. I really couldn't. And, to be honest, I can't imagine a better experience or jumping-on point. As far as I'm concerned, if this is the only thing I'm blessed to do, then I'm glad it was for something that meant so much to me as a kid. Hopefully, it'll mean as much to other kids out there, who will then go on to do other things.

**The day when everyone was finally together, all suited up, full Justice League, was that a special moment?**
Yeah, the day we were all up on the wall for the first time, it was kind of like watching my eight-year-old self's dreams come true. When I got back and watched the playback of the camera spinning around, and you see the members of the League up there for the first time... I mean, I almost shed a tear. I will say, I held it together pretty good.

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